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S. 981

To authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2007

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Catastrophic Disaster
5 Recovery Enhancement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION OF**
7 **CERTAIN BENEFITS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “applicable period” means the pe-
 2 riod beginning on August 29, 2005, and ending on
 3 October 24, 2005; and

4 (2) the term “major disaster” has the meaning
 5 given that term in section 102 of the Robert T.
 6 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
 7 Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

8 (b) WAIVER OF PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION OF
 9 CERTAIN BENEFITS.—In providing assistance under para-
 10 graph (1) or (2) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act
 11 (15 U.S.C. 636(b)), for any major disaster declared dur-
 12 ing the applicable period, the Administrator of the Small
 13 Business Administration shall waive the prohibition on the
 14 duplication of benefits, including whether damage or de-
 15 struction has been compensated for by, credit is available
 16 from, activities are reimbursable through, or funds have
 17 been made available from any other source.

18 (c) APPLICABILITY AND RETROACTIVITY FOR VIC-
 19 TIMS OF HURRICANES KATRINA, RITA, AND WILMA.—
 20 This section shall apply to any assistance under section
 21 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) pro-
 22 vided on or after August 29, 2005.

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